

Fair Play.

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County Boundaries.

"Should the new constitution be adopted it will be impossible in the future to make a new county unless a majority in the counties proposed to be carved up for the purposes of said construction, cast a vote in favor of it. Never fairer provision was incorporated in any state into an organic law. As the counties stand at present in Missouri, there are about thirty which have been for years beset and bedeviled with schemes of dismemberment. Some of these—large, healthy, and prosperous counties—have spent thousands of dollars to prevent mutilation and unjustifiable carvings and slicings. Little railroad towns occupying a position where three or four counties come near to them with some portion of their boundary lines have bankrupted in the past not only themselves in superhuman efforts to get new counties around them, but have made the endangered counties also entail upon themselves serious debts in efforts just as determined against the ring speculators and the real estate harpies and gamblers. Under the new constitution there can be no more of this. When three or more counties want to make out of their own territory an additional county, all that is necessary to perfect the plan is to get a majority vote of the people interested in favor of the proposition. This is Democratic, this is just fair, and according to the golden rule. It takes the whole complicated and disagreeable subject away from the place where the representatives of the people are supposed to be engaged in making laws for them. It prevents the formation of a ravenous lobby to conspire against the rights of honest farmers, and to influence legislative action upon them through the sinister uses of slush. It brings everything back to first principles, and gives into the hands of those alone interested the right to say how their property shall be disposed of, where this line shall run, where that boundary shall be located, and what in short shall be the details and the modes of working out and making acceptable the entire proposition."

The Mexican Situation.

The arrest of the Mexican bandit chief Cortina, reported by telegraph last week, was most encouraging evidence of the sincerity of the Mexican government's efforts to put a stop to the border marauding, and the people of the United States will rejoice if the efforts to release him shall prove ineffectual. Excepting among the residents along our Texan frontier there is no wish for war with Mexico and no desire to interrupt our peaceful relations with that country, but at the same time a continuance of the thieving raids into Texas will inevitably beget hot war feeling and precipitate a bloody conflict.

Cortina has been quite properly recognized as the controlling leader of all these bandits and it has been apparent that his arrest and punishment would be the most effective blow that could be leveled at the marauders. The arrest has been made, but the latest advices intimated that his adherents had gathered in such numbers to rescue him from the soldiers that it was most probable that he would in a very short

time be at liberty again. The accounts reported intense excitement in Metamoras and the neighboring country, the mass of the people sympathizing with the imprisoned bandit. His arrest has plainly precipitated an open rebellion against the government, and will put its power to a crucial test, the outcome of which we cannot but await with the utmost anxiety. If Cortina is rescued and the Mexican government involved in a revolution, which it is powerless to repress, it will be useless for us to question longer as to the propriety of armed interference for the protection of our territory. If, on the contrary, they succeed in holding the captured chief we may safely trust them to complete the good work and disperse his bandit bands.—*Republican*.

Personal Responsibility of County Judges.

The United States circuit court at Springfield has rendered some additional decisions in the interminable Macoupin county bond cases which have a general interest for their bearing on the personal responsibility of county judges to creditors of the county. The first point decided by the court is that, after judgement against a county and the service of a writ of mandamus commanding the supervisors (or judges) to levy a tax to pay the judgement, the supervisors or judges are personally liable to the creditor for failing to make the levy; the creditor may bring an action against them and recover the debt from them, if they have property. Second: It is decided that any creditor of a county having an ascertained claim against it, may demand payment, and if there be no money in the treasury, may demand of the county judges that they include his claim in the next county levy, and if they refuse to do this they are liable in their individual capacity to the creditor. They are not individually liable, however, unless the creditor has demanded payment, or the levy of tax to pay his claim. The court also granted an injunction against the county treasury prohibiting him from paying out to the township township treasurers money in his hands. We presume the object of this is to retain the money in the county treasurer's hands where it can be demanded by the bondholders.

The definition of the personal liability of county judges here laid down is new and important. It looks like straining the law to say that the individuals composing the county court are personally responsible to a creditor for refusing or neglecting to include his claim in the county levy; but this appears to be the meaning of the decisions. In all cases therefore, when counties resist payment of a debt and the county judges, in complying with the wish of the people, refuse to levy a tax to pay the debt, the judges make themselves liable to the creditor for their failure and he may proceed to recover his claim from them. There is one thing towards which these and all pending decisions in the county bond cases in Illinois, Missouri and Iowa inexorably tend and that is that the bonds will have to be paid at last. There seems to be no escape from this conclusion, and the people of all these counties that are resisting payment of their bonded debts may as well look it in the face.—*Republican*.

The school board have at last settled the matter in regard to the purchase of the old Scott lot as a site upon which to erect a new school house for public school purposes. The amount paid for it was \$1100. A new school house it is expected will be erected upon the lot this fall. We think the board has exercised good judgement in its selection of the lot, and hope to soon see a fine building erected on it, and see the finest and best conducted public schools in Ste. Genevieve that can be found in Southeast Missouri.

APPORTIONMENT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND

State, County and Township, for the County of Ste. Genevieve, for the year 1875, based upon the enumeration of children, contained in the Annual Reports of the various Township Clerks, made 1874.

FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIPS AND NAMES OF DISTRICTS.		T	R	State Fd	Co. Fd	Twp Fd	Total Fd	No. of Children	Am't to each Child	State	County	Twp
				\$	Cts	\$	Cts	Wt Col.				
1	1	6	36	21	137	25	12	35	12	63	66	86
2	1	6	37	80	157	26	9	36	9	63	15	58
3	1	6	42	47	174	26	55	70	78	65	65	65
4	1	6	42	47	174	26	55	70	78	65	65	65
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99	1	6	42	47	174	26	55	70	78	65	65	65
100	1	6	42	47	174	26	55	70	78	65	65	65
St. Mary	10			103	26	36	97	144	51	133	25	158
Ste. Genevieve	9			343	00	14	22	88	16	462	63	525
Total amt't and average to each child.				2374	47	98	31	1172	44	3645	22	3438